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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)
FY 2008

(Fees pursuant to the Consolidation appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)

Docket Number (Optional)
100717-502

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| Application Number 09/966,522 | Filed September 28, 2001 |
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| For Masking background fluorescence and luminescence in the optical analysis of biomedical assays |
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| Art Unit 1641 | Examiner Pensee T. Do |
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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee):

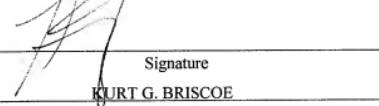
| <u>Fee</u> | <u>Small Entity Fee</u> |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) | \$120 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) | \$460 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) | \$1050 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) | \$1640 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) | \$2230 |

- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
- The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 14-1263. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

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Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038**

I am the applicant/inventor

- assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).
- attorney or agent of record. Registration Number 33,141
- attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).
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April 18, 2008

Date

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NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.

Total of _____ forms are submitted.

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